



Parks & Open Space

Boulder County Responses

2023 Municipal Open Space and Trails Requests

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Background

Each year Boulder County invites the incorporated communities of Boulder County to submit requests for open space and trail projects, per the county's open space tax resolution approved by voters in 1993 (Resolution 93-174):

THAT the Board of County Commissioners will annually consult the City Councils and Town Boards of the municipalities within Boulder County to assure that open space preservation and trail projects identified by municipalities are considered in setting county open space acquisition and trail development priorities for the following year.

This report provides Boulder County's responses and updates to each community's requests. These responses were prepared by staff from the Parks & Open Space Department (including Resource Planning Division and Recreation and Facilities Division) and the Transportation Planning Division of the Community Planning & Permitting Department.

Over the last year Boulder County staff have begun exploring ways to streamline this request process and ensure it is responsive to your community's needs and desires. Boulder County staff look forward to working with community staff over the next year to update this process.

Boulder County Strategic Priorities

The Boulder County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) adopted strategic priorities for 2019-2023 in December 2018 (<https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/commissioners-strategic-priorities-2019.pdf>). Our responses to 2020 open space and trail requests reflect these strategic priorities, with particular attention to the Land & Water Stewardship Objectives 1a and 2b:

Goal 1: Acquire interests in real property that significantly protect natural areas for flora and fauna, maintain buffers that preserve community identity, preserve important agricultural lands, and contribute to the creation of a recreational trail system.

Objective 1a: Refine and continue to implement a dynamic acquisition strategy that targets key remaining properties to fulfill open space goals.

Goal 2: Demonstrate excellent stewardship of open space, including protection of natural resources, community access, and quality of life, through improved planning, engagement, and implementation on Boulder County Parks & Open Space land.

Objective 2b: Collaborate with the Transportation Department and municipalities to create more trail connectivity among municipal neighborhoods, local open spaces, and regional trails through a Regional Plains Trail Connectivity Plan.

Boulder County's Open Space and Trails Accomplishments in 2022

2022 Boulder County Open Space Acquisitions and Dispositions

Acquisitions

For much longer than Parks & Open Space's history of stewarding open space, the land in this community has been important to the diverse Indigenous communities that continue to live here. We are partnering with Indigenous people to make meaningful changes to how we do our work that include Indigenous people, incorporate their perspectives, and honor their land stewardship legacy. Parks & Open Space operates within modern legal constructs of land ownership to steward Boulder County open space and accomplish these efforts on behalf of our community.

Boulder County strives to acquire properties that meet one or more of the following open space purposes:

- Preserving rural areas that provide community buffers including significant agricultural land.
- Land for passive recreation including land for public access and potential trail connections.
- Land with other significant resources (cultural, scenic, and natural), including natural landmarks, archaeological sites, historically significant land and buildings, scenic view corridors, significant plant communities, riparian corridors, wetlands, and wildlife habitat.

In 2022, Boulder County invested a net of \$18,809,595 to acquire a net of 1,615 acres. This included completing grant requirements and receiving \$1,250,000 in reimbursement from Great Outdoors Colorado for the 2020 Tucker acquisition. The county completed 16 acquisition projects that included three new fee properties, five new conservation easements, five conservation easement amendments, and 70 shares of priority agricultural water rights in the Goodhue, Highland, and Leyner-Cottonwood ditches. The year's most significant acquisitions were:

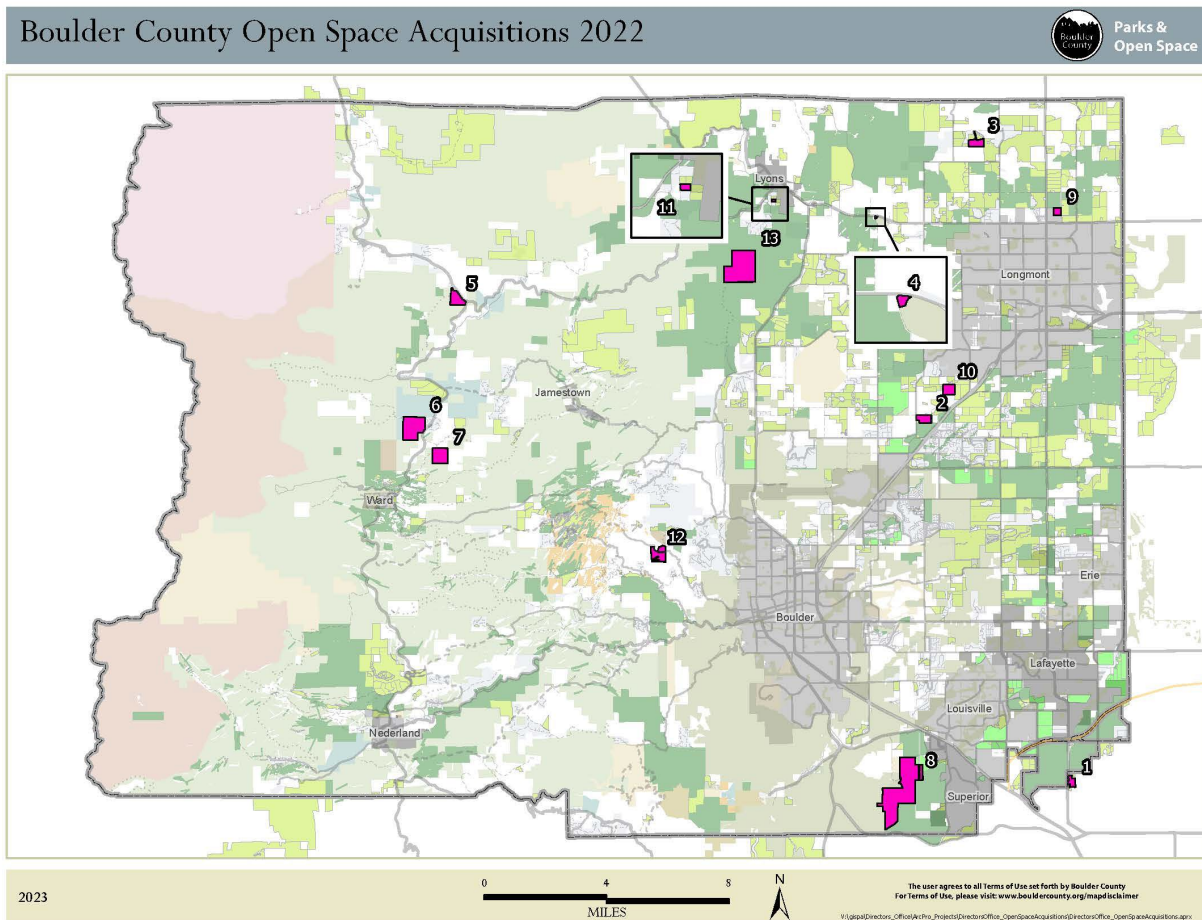
- Camp Tahosa CE: We acquired two conservation easements over 318 acres. One CE covers the land north of Beaver Reservoir Road and the other covers the land south of the road. Camp activities are allowed to continue. The CEs protect the undeveloped portions of the property and Tumblesom (a/k/a Tumbleson) Lake.
- Bald Mountain and Heil Valley Ranch State Land Board Properties: We acquired fee title to these two properties, which have been long-time acquisition priorities. The county has been leasing the bulk of the Bald Mountain property since 1973 and the Heil Valley Ranch property since 1998. Heil Valley Ranch was the poster property for the 1993 passage of the first open space sales tax, and this acquisition protects the final 586-acre interior of the ranch from development.

Dispositions

Sometimes Boulder County sells agricultural open space to tenant farmers subject to county-held conservation easements. Condemning authorities may also require open space for their purposes, such as road widenings and new utilities. The county follows the disposition process required by the open space sales tax resolutions for properties purchased with sales tax revenues. The process including public notice and opportunity for petition to call a referendum on the disposition.

In 2022, Boulder County received \$971,769 in proceeds from eight dispositions that included three non-exclusive easements, one fee title transfer with a conservation easement retained, and four fee dispositions. The most significant dispositions were:

- McLachlan: Boulder County sold the 73-acre McLachlan property to the City of Longmont. This property lies on the west side of Clover Basin Reservoir (just north of Nelson Road and about one mile west of 75th Street). This fulfilled a city-county partnership to protect the land for open space. The county had initially acquired fee title from the landowner and in 2022 conveyed the land to Longmont after the city finished paying its portion of the purchase price. The property is subject to a county-held conservation easement ensuring the property will remain open space.
- Haley-Macy (Doris)-Smith (Joe)-2022 CDOT Takings: CDOT took several acres of county open space and a conservation easement property at all four corners of the intersection of Highways 52 and 287. CDOT needed this land for making safety improvements to that intersection.



2022 Real Estate Acquisitions Key:

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| 1. Johnstone Farm | 7. Seylor North and South CE | 11. Olson Lot D 2022 CE |
| 2. Lippincott | Amendment | Amendment |
| 3. Oreo Farms 2022 CE | 8. Telleen 2022 City of | 12. Bald Mountain SLB parcel |
| Amendment | Boulder CE Amendment | 13. Heil Valley Ranch SLB |
| 4. Plum | 9. Barrett 2 2022 Access | Parcel |
| 5. Wallace (Debra) | Easement Exchange | |
| 6. Camp Tahosa | 10. Owen-2022 Restrictive | |
| | Covenant | |

2022-2023 Parks & Open Space Trails Highlights

2022 was a big year for the Recreation & Facilities Division. In addition to the major projects outlined below, the Trails and Grounds teams worked hard to get trails in the Superior area open after the devastating Marshall Fire. Across Parks & Open Space lands, crews worked hard to reduce the backlog of projects by replacing signs, resurfacing trails, re-roofing historic buildings, updating restrooms, managing trees along corridors, repairing boardwalks, and much more. Volunteer stewardship post-pandemic began to bounce back on a few major projects.

Capital and stewardship Project highlights for the Recreation & Facilities Division include:

- Heil 2 Improvements: The county purchased the 210-acre Heil 2 property in late 2012, a small area plan for Heil 2 was completed and approved in May 2016, with improvements that include trails, trailhead, and trailhead amenities. The Overland Loop Trail opened in 2017; the Schoolhouse Trail and Corral Trailhead opened in October 2019. In 2020-2021 the Skills Trail and an ADA trail in the corral area were completed along with a port-a-potty enclosure at Altona Schoolhouse and upgrades to main trailhead. After the devastating October 2020 Cal-Wood fire burned most of the property, the park was closed for restoration including reconstruction of the main trailhead. The south side of the park finally reopened on June 16, 2022.
- Tolland Ranch Trail: In January 2015, Boulder County partnered with the Colorado State Forest Service and Great Outdoors Colorado, with coordination by The Conservation Fund, to acquire a conservation easement over approximately 3,334 acres of the Tolland Ranch property near Eldora Ski area in western Boulder County and Gilpin County. The acquisition includes an easement for a 6.5-mile-long trail. A Colorado Parks and Wildlife planning grant was awarded in 2016 and a Class III Cultural Resource Survey of the trail corridor was completed in 2018. In 2020, a Great Outdoors Colorado construction grant was approved, and construction commenced in 2020 on a segment of the trail with volunteers and staff, including Teens, Inc. A contractor was hired in 2021 and construction was completed with a “soft” trail opening in 2023.
- Castle Rock: ongoing work with Boulder Climbing Community/Front Range Climbing Stewards to consolidate and improve climbing access trails. This work was completed in 2022.
- 104th St. Trail: this trail connection between Louisville and the Rock Creek Trail has been envisioned by the county and cities of Louisville and Lafayette for many years. City of Louisville is managing this project and design work commenced in 2021. Phase 1 construction began 2022 and was completed in 2023.
- Trails and facility maintenance: in addition to regular maintenance, staff obtained funding for bridge repairs to improve safety and visitor use experience. Boulder County repaired bridge decking and railings at Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm, Niwot Loop, and the board walk at the link trail between Mud Lake and Caribou Ranch.

2022 Regional Trails & Bikeways Highlights

In November 2022, Boulder County voters approved a ballot issue that extended in perpetuity an existing 1/10th of one-percent transportation sales tax first passed in 2001 and renewed in 2007. 15% of the Transportation Sales Tax revenue is estimated to be spent on Boulder County regional trails and bikeways. In addition to the ballot measure work over the past year, several regional trail projects are in various stages of planning, design, and approaching construction.

Planning

- Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Master Plan: The project timeline was expanded in June of 2021 to address the need for additional analysis of environmental and wildlife impacts, consideration of additional route options outside the RTD rail corridor. In late 2022, since the additional route options for consideration outside the RTD rail corridor use City of Boulder-owned lands, the County and City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) developed a Memorandum of Understanding to gain agreement on the process and additional route options. The master plan is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2024.
- North Foothills (US 36) Bikeway Feasibility Study: Boulder County has received funding to evaluate the feasibility of a separated multi-use path along this corridor between Lyons and Boulder.

Design

- Longmont to Boulder Trail – Jay Road Connection: Design of a new mostly hard-surface multiuse path along Jay Road and Spine Road to connect the City of Boulder’s Cottonwood Trail with the rest of the twelve-mile Longmont-to-Boulder Trail. The project also includes improvements to five transit stops along Jay Road and intersection improvements at Jay Road and Spine Road. Design will be completed in 2023.
- Highway 119 Bikeway: Partnership with CDOT to design a nine-mile separated bikeway from 47th Street in the city of Boulder to Hover Road in Longmont. Funding is through a federal grant approved in 2020. Boulder County is seeking federal and/or state funding for construction phases for the project. Funding has been secured for bikeway construction between Jay Road and Airport Road. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024 and will be led by CDOT.

Construction

- Four Mile Creek Pedestrian Underpass: Boulder County has completed design of a new pedestrian underpass to connect the city of Boulder’s Fourmile Canyon Creek Path with the Longmont-to-Boulder Cottonwood Trail. In Fall of 2022, an agreement with BNSF was completed, and the county is working with the BNSF to construct the trail underpass.
- Boulder Canyon Trail Emergency Wall Repair: Construction to repair an existing Boulder Canyon Trail retaining wall near Four Mile Canyon Drive. Construction will begin in Fall 2023.
- Boulder Canyon Trail - Chapman Pedestrian Bridge: Construction of a new pedestrian bridge to connect OSMP’s Chapman Trailhead to the Boulder Canyon Trail. Partnering with City of Boulder OSMP to combine construction efforts with their Chapman Trailhead improvements. Likely going out to bid for construction Fall 2023.

Summary of 2022 Community Open Space and Trails Requests Submitted February 2023

OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

City of Boulder Open Space Requests

1. Parcels or easements associated with trail requests
2. Parcels in priority areas identified in the OSMP Acquisition Plan

ERIE Open Space Requests

1. Menard Parcels
2. Bishopp Parcel
3. Wade Parcel
4. Norton Parcel

Lafayette Open Space Requests

1. Farm near Public Road at Coal Creek. Area 3 from PROS Plan
2. Land near South Boulder Road and 120th Street. Area 5 from PROS Plan
3. Land North and South of Baseline Road and West of 120th Street. Area 6 from PROS Plan
4. Land along Baseline Road near Thomas Open Space. Area 7 from PROS Plan
5. Baseline Road West of Highway 42. Area 8 from PROS Plan
6. Land North of Arapahoe road and west of Highway 42. Area 13 from PROS Plan
7. Land next to the Indian Peaks maintenance facility. Area 15 from PROS Plan

Longmont Open Space Requests

1. Dorfman Parcel, east of Clover Basin Reservoir
2. Motkycka Property, 4 acres south of 9th Ave.

Louisville Open Space Requests

1. An Area on the southeast corner of Dillon Rd. and 96th Street.
2. An area between Highway 42 and Coal Creek just east of 96th Street

Lyons Open Space Requests

1. Boulder County Flood Acquisition Properties/Apple Valley near Lyons

Superior Open Space Requests

1. Coal Creek Properties
2. Zaharias Property
3. Bolejack Property

TRAIL REQUESTS

City of Boulder Trail Requests

1. Longmont to Boulder (LOBO) Trail: Jay Rd. Segment
2. Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
3. 61st Street crossing of Boulder Creek along proposed 61st Street Multi-Use Path—part of the Confluence Area Multi-Use Paths
4. Fourmile Canyon Creek Trail underpass to Cottonwood Trail
5. Rocky Mountain Greenway: Jefferson County line to northern City of Boulder limits
6. Boulder to Lyons/Rocky Mountain Greenway
7. Joder Ranch to Heil Valley Ranch Connection
8. Joder Ranch to Buckingham park via Olde Stage Road
9. Joder Ranch to Six Mile Fold
10. OSMP to Lagerman Ag Preserve
11. A connection from OSMP to Walker Ranch or U.S. Forest Service Land

ERIE Trail Requests

1. RTD ROW Trail—Creekside Subdivision West to SH 287
2. Coal Creek Trail—Reliance Park NW to Kenosha and Boulder Creek
3. Boulder Creek Trail to St. Vrain Legacy Trail and Colorado Front Range Trail
4. Arapahoe Ridge to Compass

Lafayette Trail Requests

1. Trail Link Across Coal Creek connecting BNSF Rail Trail to the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Trail System
2. Highway 287 Extension Trail
3. Link Lafayette's trail system north of Arapahoe Rd. to OSMP Teller Farm

Longmont Trail Requests

1. St. Vrain Greenway, Phase 12
2. Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail Master Planning

Louisville Trail Requests

1. Overlook Underpass Trail
2. Re-route CC Trail along the southeastern Mayhoffer Farm property line
3. A north-south trail that joins the Coal Creek Trail

Lyons Trail Requests

1. Lyons St. Vrain Corridor Trail Extension
2. Martin Parcel Trail
3. Lyons to Hall Ranch Connector
4. St. Vrain Greenway Trail, from Lyons to Longmont
5. Lyons to Boulder Trail, N. Foothills Bikeway
6. Lyons to Rabbit Mountain Connector Trail
7. Steamboat Mountain Open Space Public Access/Trails
8. Underpass/Trail Apple Valley Rd. at US 36

Nederland Trail Requests (No new requests in 2020)

1. CR 130 Trail Connection

Superior Trail Requests

1. Marshall Rd. Link to Mayhoffer Singletree
2. Coalton Trail Improvements
3. Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and CCRT Link
4. High Plains Drive Connectivity

Note: requests were not submitted by Jamestown and Ward.

2022 COMMUNITY REQUESTS AND COUNTY RESPONSES

City of Boulder

BOULDER OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

1. **Parcels or easements associated with trail requests:** Joder-Heil, Eldorado Canyon-Walker Ranch, etc.
2. **Parcels in priority areas identified in the OSMP Acquisition Plan** or that may satisfy the strategies identified in the upcoming OSMP Master Plan which are ideal or appropriate for partnership with Boulder County.

2023 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to consider partnering to fulfill the city's acquisition goals for trail requests and priority areas in OSMP's Acquisition Plan if opportunities become feasible and funding is available. Parks & Open Space Real Estate Division staff are ready to meet with OSMP staff about potential partnering opportunities whenever OSMP staff are ready.

BOULDER TRAIL REQUESTS

The trails listed below connect into Boulder County POS lands and are in approved plans. The approach for prioritizing was to list them according to and in the following order:

- Projects where we are currently collaborating with Boulder County—continue/complete.
- Projects called out in previous Trail Study Area plans—Marshall Lake is the sole item.
- Projects called out in the North Trail Study Area—much of our current implementation efforts are focused.
- All others that have Boulder County partnership or interest.

1. **Longmont to Boulder (LoBo) Trail: Jay Road Segment**

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (TPD): The Longmont-to-Boulder Trail is a proposed 12-mile trail connecting the City of Boulder trail system with the City of Longmont trails. Much of the trail as originally proposed has been completed. One of the more prominent segments yet to be completed is the Jay Road Connection.

Boulder County, in partnership with the City of Boulder, evaluated options for a multi-use path connection between the LoBo Trail at Spine Road and the Cottonwood Trail at Jay Road. Trail users currently travel on narrow bike lanes on Jay Road and Spine Road to make this connection. Boulder County conducted an extensive public outreach process in March – July 2018 and presented a report with preferred route options. The feasibility of each potential option was studied as part of the Jay Road Connections Project and two preferred routes were taken to conceptual design and were completed in 2020. The county is currently in the final design stage of this project for the alignment that was determined to be most feasible (the Jay/Spine alignment). 30% plans have been reviewed by City of Boulder and other stakeholders and a public meeting was held in April 2023. The county is proceeding with easement work, ditch agreements, and final design is anticipated to be complete by 2024. Construction timing depends on funding availability and is currently unknown.

<https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/trails/jay-road-connections-project/>

2. **Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)**

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (TPD): Boulder County, in partnership with the City of Boulder and Town of Erie, is evaluating options for the creation of a new soft-surface regional trail connection linking the City of Boulder and Erie. This connection was identified in the county's regional trails prioritization process in 2003 and is eligible for funding through the Countywide Sales Tax Ballot passed by voters in 2007. Among other plans, the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan and Boulder County Transportation Master Plan identified this trail as an important link in the Boulder Valley and regional trail systems. Boulder County is currently conducting a master planning process to identify needs, opportunities, and constraints of constructing the regional trail. This process began in spring of 2019 and after several project delays, is moving forward again. The BERT Master Plan is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2024. www.boco.org/BERT

3. **61st Street crossing of Boulder Creek along proposed 61st Street Multi-Use Path—part of the Confluence Area Multi-Use Paths**

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (TPD):

The 61st Street Bridge over Boulder Creek is in good condition and does not need repair or replacement at this time. The roadway over the bridge is narrow, making passage by bicycle difficult. Replacing the bridge would improve the ability for bicycles and pedestrians to use the road. And would allow the crossing to accommodate large flood events on Boulder Creek. However, at this time no county funding has been identified for this project.

4. **Fourmile Canyon Creek Trail underpass to Cottonwood Trail**

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (TPD): Boulder County is working with the BNSF to get this underpass constructed and an agreement is in place. Construction will occur in two phases with the railroad constructing necessary infrastructure then county construction of the actual trail and underpass will occur after the railroad structure is completed.

<https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/four-mile-creek-bikeway/>

5. **Rocky Mountain Greenway: Jefferson County Line to northern City of Boulder limits**

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Boulder County Commissioners approved the updated FLAP agreement for the underpass trail connection under State Highway 128. Jefferson County Open Space is leading the effort to design the underpass for the FLAP group and BCPOS staff is involved in the review of this project. The design team continues to work toward construction documents (at 95% design plans as of June 2023), but it seems likely that construction will not begin until late 2023 or 2024. The latest schedule is:

- 100% Plan Approval: August 8, 2023
- Project Advertisement: August 29, 2023
- Contract Award: October 23, 2023
- Notice to Proceed: November 7, 2023

Other items to be coordinated among the partners include:

- Construction schedule
- Anticipated timing on providing matching funding
- IGA for maintenance of the crossings

6. Boulder to Lyons/Rocky Mountain Greenway (RMG)

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (TPD): Boulder County's Transportation Master Plan identified a need for a separated bike facility on US 36/N. Foothills Hwy. Starting in 2022, the Transportation Planning Division is leading the county's involvement in a study which acquired grant funding to look at a bikeway between Lyons and Boulder along the US 36 corridor. The study's goal is to find a bikeway alignment that would be largely inside CDOT right-of-way (ROW). The County Transportation Planning Division is working with Parks and Open Space, OSMP, the Town of Lyons and the City of Boulder on this project.

More information is at this link:

<https://www3.drcog.org/TRIPS/TipProject/2022-2025/Details/50599>

7. Joder to Heil Valley Ranch Connection

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): In 2020 a new trail access (Schoolhouse Loop) was provided from Lefthand Canyon Drive to Heil Valley Ranch. BCPOS is exploring with OSMP additional land acquisition in order to complete this connection. The county continues to pursue land acquisitions needed to complete this trail connection.

8. Joder Trail to Buckingham Park via Olde Stage Road

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (TPD): The county is willing to coordinate and work with the City of Boulder to explore trail connection options from Joder Trail to Buckingham Park adjacent to Olde Stage Road, but nothing is happening at this time.

9. Joder Ranch to Six Mile Fold

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): While the county has no plan for new recreation infrastructure at Six Mile Fold, the county will work with OSMP to develop a plan that addresses future changes to the Six-Mile Fold access, trails, and trailhead. As OSMP develops the schematic site plan for the new Coyote TH, BCPOS will engage in the planning processes to ensure that any improvements or connections to the 19-acre Six Mile Fold Open Space are considered during the project.

10. OSMP to Lagerman Agricultural Preserve

2023 Boulder County Response (POS): A southern connection from Lagerman Agricultural Preserve (LAP) to Oxford Road is approved in the 2012 Management Plan for LAP. The construction of this connection is not currently in the five-year Capital and Stewardship Plan. City OSMP has designated a trail in the North TSA plan north of the Boulder Reservoir (Talon Trail) reaching the intersection of 55th Street and Niwot Road. The city and county will need to work together to bridge the gap between the two trail systems (LAP and North TSA), including the acquisition of trail corridors or the designation of rights-of-way. There are significant challenges for off-road connection, including road crossings and a crossing of Lefthand Creek.

11. A connection from OSMP to Walker Ranch or U.S. Forest Service Land

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): There is still a plains-to-mountains/Eldo-to-Walker trail desire in the community, following Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff decision to not pursue an

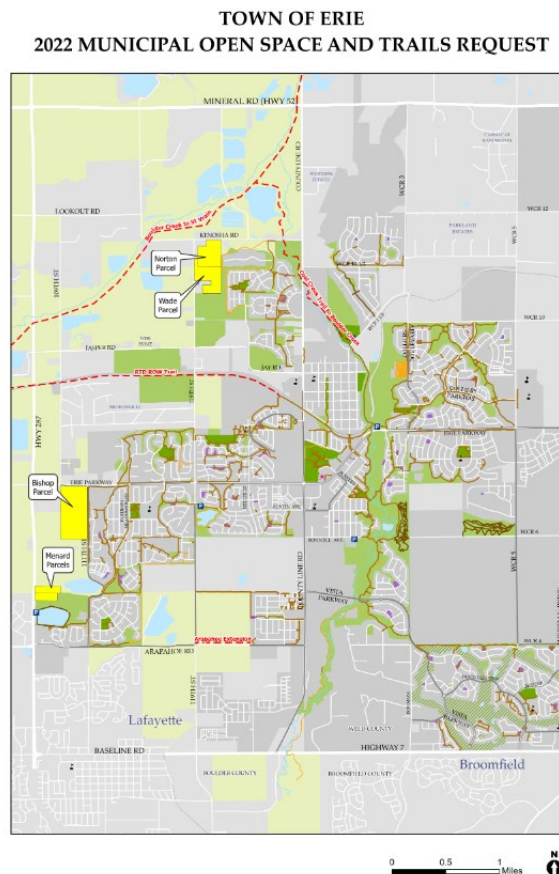
Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch multi-use trail. Boulder County is willing to work with OSMP and the USFS to scope this request and understand the roles of each agency, but this project is not currently a planning priority for Boulder County.

Town of Erie

ERIE OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

1. **Menard parcels** (9 and 10 acres). US 287, due north of Streiby OS. Existing BoCo parcels/conservation easements to north and east
2. **Bishopp parcel** (78 acres). SW of intersection of Erie Parkway & 111th). Existing BoCo parcels/conservation easements to south and west.
3. **Wade parcel** (34.5 acres). 110th St., due north of Allen Farms OS, due west of Kenosha farms OS. BoCo OS parcels on west side of 119th.
4. **Norton parcel** (57 acres), Kenosha Rd. Adjacent to both Erie OS (east side) and Wade property (south side, see previous parcel).

2023 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to consider partnering with Erie to acquire these parcels if the opportunities become feasible and funding is available. Parks & Open Space Real Estate Division staff are ready to meet with Erie about potential partnering opportunities whenever Erie staff are ready.



ERIE TRAIL REQUESTS

1. **RTD ROW Trail—Creekside Subdivision West to SH 287.** Erie strongly supports the ongoing planning process for the UPRR (now known as the BERT) trail in relation to the segment between our Creekside Subdivision and Highway 287. Some of the lands adjacent to this trail corridor, both north and south, are prioritized in our open space requests. This future trail alignment provides unique opportunities for an east-west regional trail to connect with communities to the west of Erie and serves to complement the significant north/south Coal Creek Trail through Erie.

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (TPD): Boulder County, in partnership with the City of Boulder and Town of Erie, is evaluating options for the creation of a new soft-surface regional trail connection along the RTD-owned rail corridor linking the City of Boulder and Erie. This connection was identified in the county's regional trails prioritization process in 2003 and is eligible for funding through the Countywide Sales Tax Ballot passed by voters in 2007. Among other plans, the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan and Boulder County Transportation Master Plan identified this trail as an important link in the Boulder Valley and regional trail systems. Boulder County is currently conducting a master planning process to identify needs, opportunities, and constraints of constructing the regional trail. This process began in spring of 2019 and after several project delays, is moving forward again. The BERT Master Plan is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2024.

www.boco.org/BERT

2. **Coal Creek Trail—Reliance Park northwest to Kenosha Wetland Reclamation Area and Boulder Creek.** Erie's section of the Coal Creek Trail is completed from Vista Point north to Reliance Park. This request continues the existing Coal Creek Trail from Reliance Park (WCR 1-1/2) north to the confluence with Boulder Creek. This is a critical connection for Erie and all of the trail users of the Coal Creek and Boulder Creek Trails. Erie desires a trail system comparable to Walden Ponds. This trail corridor has been designated a Spine Trail by the Board of Trustees, indicating that it provides significant connections to activity centers in Erie, as well as other regional trails. Erie seeks assistance from Boulder County for completion of this critical trail segment. Erie is also interested in collaborating with Boulder County in pursuing grant opportunities to facilitate completion of the trail.

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Throughout 2023 Boulder County engaged in a site management planning process for the properties that make up the East Boulder Creek site, now known as Prairie Run Open Space. The final plan is scheduled for Board of County Commissioner action on Jan. 25, 2024. Planning staff appreciates the coordination and partnership of the Town of Erie Parks and Open Space staff for their input in the process as stakeholders. The final plan includes a conceptual connection to the Coal Creek Trail near the Kenosha Road bridge. The proposed trails will also create a trail connection to Town's existing trail system along the west side of the Kenosha Farm subdivision. BCPOS will continue to partner with the Town to create a trail connection between the Kenosha section of Prairie Run Open Space with the Jasper section (in the vicinity of the existing Erie Open Space along the east side of 119th Street). Ensuring trail connectivity to the Town of Erie's neighborhoods and regional trails is a hallmark of the Prairie Run Open Space Site Management Plan.

3. **Boulder Creek Trail to St. Vrain Legacy Trail and Colorado Front Range Trail—Kenosha northwest to WCR 16-1/2 (to Frederick, Longmont and beyond).** Erie seeks to participate in the planning and construction efforts for the Boulder Creek Trail segment from Kenosha, continuing northwest to connect with the St. Vrain Legacy Trail and Colorado Front Range Trail.

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Boulder County Parks & Open Space staff are working with Town of Erie on trail connections in this area. It is unlikely that a trail corridor will be

planned from the confluence of Boulder and Coal Creeks north to the county line and beyond. However, the county supports the town's interest in connecting to the St. Vrain Legacy Trail and Colorado Front Range Trail.

4. **Arapahoe Ridge to Compass** (across county open space parcels). Erie residents continually request safe routes to access amenities. This trail addition would allow for East/West connectivity along a major thoroughfare, likely Arapahoe Road. Access in this parcel would allow for residents to access the Coal Creek Trail (to the East), as well as Boulder County open spaces (to the West). This connection has continually been requested by residents for many years. Erie supports ongoing discussion regarding this.

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): County staff met with Erie Parks and Open Space staff on 4/20/23 and with Erie Transportation Staff on-site on 4/21/23. Erie already has an agreement with Boulder County Public Works to do some of the maintenance in the right-of-way along the Arapahoe Road corridor. Latest discussions have focused on creating a “temporary” crusher fine trail south of the road in the section of Arapahoe Road west of 119th Street. This would require additional right-of-way from the county's Josephine Roche Open Space. East of 119th Street, Erie would like to create a trail along Arapahoe Road, north of the current ROW which would impact CMN Kirsch Open Space. The County and Erie (and the Arapahoe Road/SH 7 Project Team for the segment west of 119th) are continuing discussions about studying these trail corridors and plan to reach an agreement about these in the next three years.

TOWN OF ERIE
2022 MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS REQUEST



City of Lafayette

LAFAYETTE OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

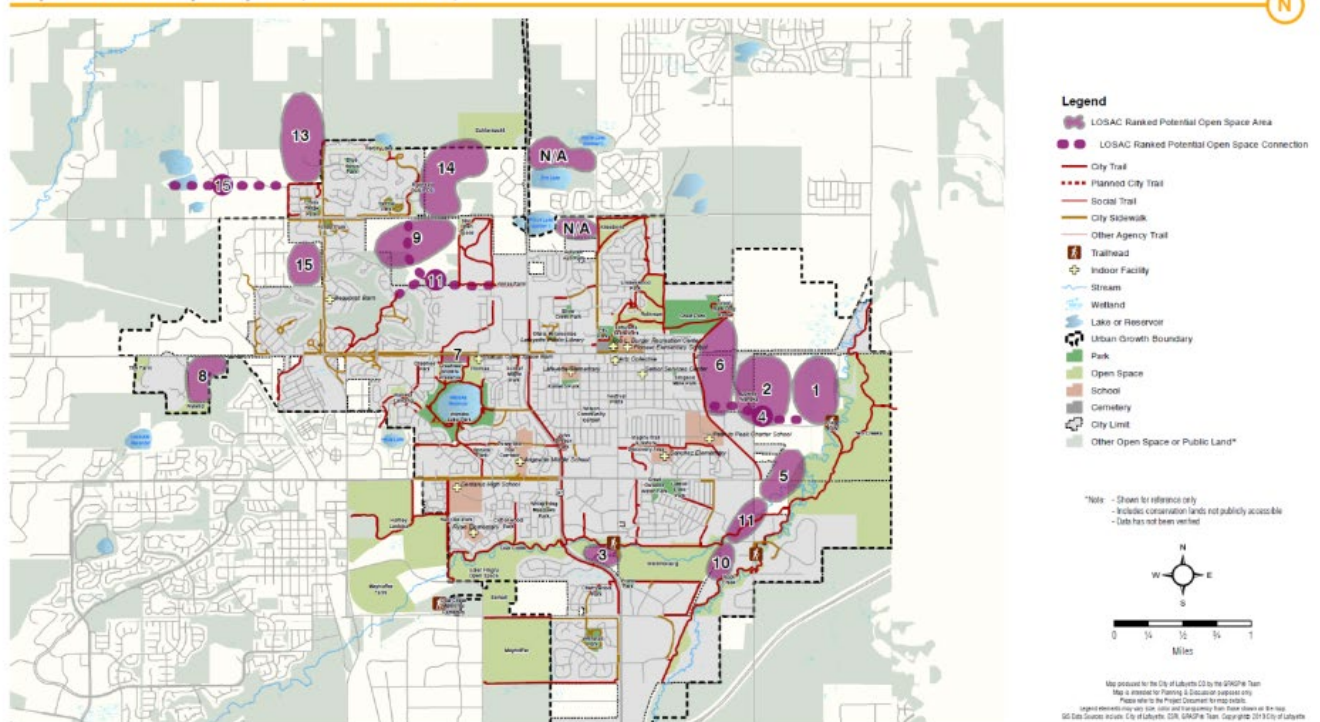
1. **Farm near Public Road at Coal Creek. Area 3 from PROS Plan.** Approx. Acres: 16.68. Current Agricultural and Horse pasture property adjacent Coal Creek, this property is now the highest rated parcel of land from Lafayette's Parks Open Space and Trails Plan. Lafayette Open Space partners in annual programming on-site and leases a pasture to the current landowners. Lafayette's interest would be in protecting the property from future development, by working with the landowners initiating conversations surrounding a Conservation Easement over the land, or potentially a Fee Simple purchase. Because this property contains unincorporated land and is adjacent to jointly owned property of Boulder County and Lafayette, partnering on any future conservation with the county is desired.
2. **Land near South Boulder Road and 120th Street. Area 5 from PROS Plan.** Approx. Acres: 28.70. As South Boulder Road dead ends into the Two Creeks Prairie Open Space, land buffering the creek and potential trail connections exist. Lafayette desires to connect two major trail systems in this location, the BNSF, and Coal Creek Trails. These properties provide excellent access and a straight shot utilizing a current powerline corridor for a future trail connection to a regional trail system. The property itself provides average to good habitat value and rangeland potential. Partnering with Boulder County to add to the Two Creeks Prairie ecosystem recreation and preservation potential is desired.
3. **Land North and South of Baseline Road and West of 120th Street. Area 6 from PROS Plan.** Approx. Acres: 81.51. This property flanking Baseline Road West of 120th St. forms a buffer to Old Town Lafayette on the Eastern edge of the city. Adjacent land was recently purchased by partners Boulder County and Lafayette known as the Waneka Centennial Farm. This property has connectivity for farming, trail access and wildlife movement corridors to the Waneka Centennial Farm and would be managed in conjunction with that property. With swift development occurring all around this parcel, securing it as open space for future generations is a high priority to the residents of Lafayette and Boulder County.
4. **Land along Baseline Road near Thomas Open Space. Area 7 from PROS Plan.** Approx. Acres: 5.74. These 3 properties together represent an enclave of unincorporated properties in the heart of Lafayette. Anchored on 3 sides by Lafayette open space property at Thomas Organic Farm and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, these properties provide a valuable buffer to Baseline Rd. and movement corridor for local wildlife in an important region of the city. This land would provide valuable property for any potential pedestrian/wildlife underpass that has been discussed for this stretch of Baseline Rd. Lafayette desires to work with Boulder County to protect this resource for future opportunities.
5. **Baseline Road West of Highway 42. Area 8 from PROS Plan.** Approx. Acres: 29.43. This property lies along Baseline Rd. West of 95th St. Boulder County, Louisville, the City of Boulder, and Lafayette all own Open space property adjacent to 8600 Baseline Rd. The property owners have reached out to inquire about Open Space interests in the property. Lafayette requests that all partners come together to discuss this opportunity in the short term, to gauge potential interest on a CE or Fee Simple purchase. Other opportunities for preservation exist through the annexation process. The property owners initiated an annexation proposal with Lafayette but was either denied or never completed the process.
6. **Land North of Arapahoe road and west of Highway 42. Area 13 from PROS Plan.** Approx. Acres: 55.02. Lafayette residents have a strong desire to connect to the City of Boulder trail system at Teller Lake. One specific property exist that could bridge the gap to this connection. Lafayette would like to come together with Boulder County and the City of Boulder to inquire about a partnership for

acquiring or protecting this property and make this long overdue connection a reality. Fee Simple, CE, and Trail easements are all options for this parcel.

7. **Land next to the Indian Peaks maintenance facility. Area 15 from PROS Plan.** Approx. Acres: 64.37. These properties together form a solid community buffer of Agricultural land between residential and commercial property in the Northwest region of Lafayette. Historical Farmsteads, wildlife habitat including an active prairie dog colony, and a community buffer exist on-site. Lafayette is interested in preserving all 3 parcels to some degree.

2023 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to consider partnering with Lafayette to acquire parcels that create connections to county or jointly owned open space on the edges of Lafayette if opportunities become feasible and funding is available. This focus is consistent with the county's longstanding practice of partnering to create rural preservation areas outside of municipal influence areas. Boulder County is not interested in helping Lafayette acquire open space in more developed areas, particularly where the city has development control. Area 13 would be the most suitable area for the county to partner to maintain its rural preservation approach. It would be less consistent for Boulder County to assist Lafayette with acquisitions in Areas 3, 5, and 6; however, Boulder County is willing to consider partnering in those areas to further previous rural preservation partnership efforts that were on the former edges of the city. It would be least consistent for Boulder County to assist Lafayette in Areas 3, 7, 8, and 15. Parks & Open Space Real Estate Division staff are ready to meet with Lafayette about potential partnering opportunities whenever Lafayette staff are ready.

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Map N: Potential Open Space (LOSAC Ranked)



LAFAYETTE TRAIL REQUESTS

1. **Trail Link Across Coal Creek connecting BNSF Rail Trail to the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Trail System.** Lafayette has completed a new section of Trail along the old BNSF Rail line, the first of its kind connecting Old Town Lafayette. This new trail runs North/South along the eastern edge of Old Town, currently connecting to the Great Park and Rothman Open Space to the North, and 120th St. to the south, with a CDOT approved crossing constructed over Baseline Rd. Heading South and East, working together with Boulder County and property owners along the Coal Creek, Lafayette is interested in connecting over Coal Creek providing trail patrons in Old Town the opportunities to recreate on the Two Creeks Prairie Trail and Open Space. South Boulder Road extension is the area this important trail connection could happen, with County support and partnership.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS): The county continues to share Lafayette's goal of linking Old Town with Two Creeks and the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail. In an April '23 discussion with staff, the town's latest strategy is bringing this proposed trail along the east side of 120th Street and then connecting with the Coal Creek Trail either through future development or continuing along the road. BCPOS. A bridge would be required for crossing Coal Creek. This alignment is currently across private land within Lafayette's planning boundary and designated for future industrial land uses in the city's comprehensive plan, the county will rely on the city to take the lead on planning, designing, and funding the sections of this improvement that are outside jointly owned open space. County staff will need to discuss options for making this trail connection and determining how to plan and fund it. Once the Stanish parcel is annexed and developed, perhaps some alternatives will present themselves. At this time, the county does not have a project for planning or funding.

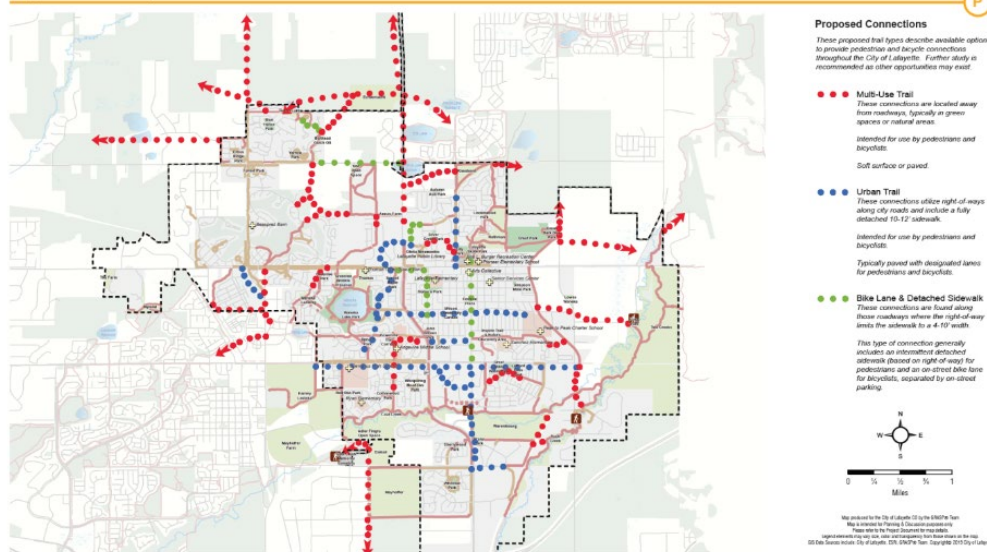
2. **Highway 287 Extension Trail.** From Diamond Circle, in Lafayette, along Highway 287, invest in future extension of the Highway 287 multimodal trail, eventually linking up to the UPPR Trail (now known as the BERT) planned between Erie and Boulder. Lafayette's Urban Growth Boundary maintains a finger up Highway 287 into the Goose Haven property, and future trails and habitat improvements may be possible in collaboration with Lafayette Public Works Department and Boulder County. *(Per conversation with Rob Burdine: City of Lafayette has a grade separated trail along the entire length of US 287 within the town limits. The city would like this key trail to connect to additional trail opportunities north of town.)*

2023 Boulder County Response (TPD): The county's Transportation Master Plan includes a conceptual multi-use trail corridor serving US-287, heading north from Lafayette to Longmont. During the 2021 US-287 Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study [Phase I], the project team heard that more comfortable bicycling and walking is important for the corridor. To address this and other safety needs, the county is conducting the US-287 Vision Zero Safety and Multimodal Mobility Study [Phase II] in conjunction with municipal partners, including Lafayette, to evaluate and make recommendations on the feasibility and conceptual designs of a multi-use trail along the corridor. This trail segment is being planned in conjunction with the county's Transportation Planning Division and in association with regional and state transportation agencies.

3. **Link Lafayette's trail system north of Arapahoe Rd. to OSMP Teller Farm.** Lafayette has interest in a trail connecting Teller Farm on City of Boulder Open Space with Lafayette's trail system north of Arapahoe Road. This connection will also involve the City of Boulder. Currently zero trail connections exist directly between Boulder and Lafayette. This is an important trail that will link the northern portion of the Lafayette's trail system (and corresponding neighborhoods) to established trail systems to the west at the City of Boulder's Teller Farm. This East/West community trail link was an area of high community interest during the PROST Plan public process.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS and Transportation): A project with a similar project area as requested by the City of Lafayette is on the County's Transportation Sales Tax Program List of Projects as #30. The project is just a feasibility study and no concept alignment has been decided. The feasibility study is for a hard surface path that will be plowed in winter. The west side of the project area is the Cherryvale/ Baseline intersection. The eastern project area is the City of Lafayette, approx. .5 miles east of 111th street. Boulder County will work closely with project stakeholders including Lafayette, Louisville, City of Boulder and OSMP during this early phase and any future phases of the project.

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Map P: Connectivity Framework



City of Longmont

Because Longmont and Boulder County have recently partnered on the Adam Dairy acquisition and conservation easement, Longmont does not have any 2023 requests for Boulder County. Longmont intends to use 2023 as a management planning year and will look into applying for a GOCO Planning and Capacity grant this fall. Below, please find a list of Longmont's future open space and trails acquisition priorities; we are not asking for a response at this time. We look forward to submitting an application in future years.

LONGMONT OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

- 1. Dorfman Parcel, east of Clover Basin Reservoir.** Parcel includes approximately 14 acres of land owned by Todd and Julie Dorfman located immediately east of Clover Basin Reservoir (parcel# 131712000002). The City of Longmont owns a majority share of the Clover Basin Reservoir and the City and County jointly own the McLachlan property to the west of the reservoir. It would be the City's aspiration to provide passive recreation opportunities on these parcels if acquired. We would anticipate partnering with Boulder County to provide trail connections between the County's AHI and the Lagerman property, as well as connections to the City's Dry Creek Community Park and the future neighborhood park located east of North 75th Street, while provide passive water recreation and wildlife viewing opportunities at Clover Basin Reservoir. Public access to the Reservoir would include a trailhead on the Dorfman property while allowing fishing, carry-on boating opportunities as well as a limited wildlife viewing trail experience.

2. **Motkycka Property, 4 acres south of 9th Ave.** Parcel is bisected by the RR tracks. Acquisition would provide right-of-way for the western extension of the St. Vrain Greenway trail (Phase 12).

2023 Boulder County Response: Boulder County thanks Longmont for not officially asking for help with these two parcels in 2023, since the county and city just partnered on the city's Adam Dairy Farm acquisition. For the city's information on planning future requests, Boulder County is willing to consider partnering with Longmont to acquire the Dorfman parcel if an opportunity becomes feasible and funding is available because that property is outside of Longmont's planning area. This focus is consistent with the county's longstanding practice of partnering to create rural preservation areas outside of municipal influence areas. Boulder County is not interested in helping Longmont acquire open space in more developed areas, particularly where the city has development control. For that reason, the county is not interested in helping Longmont with the Motkycka property, even though it abuts other property the county owned for a long time and later conveyed to Longmont for open space. Parks & Open Space Real Estate Division staff are ready to meet with Longmont about the Dorfman property and any other rural preservation parcels of interest to Longmont whenever Longmont staff are ready.

LONGMONT TRAIL REQUESTS

1. **St. Vrain Greenway Trail, Phase 12.** The City of Longmont would request continued development of the St Vrain Greenway in a westerly direction; in particular, providing financial support for trail development west of Golden Ponds to Airport Road and eventually to Pella Ponds. Currently, the city has funding for the extension of the St. Vrain Greenway west of Golden Ponds and under Airport Road. Funding for the trail connection on the western side of Airport Road has not been appropriated to make the connection to the planned county trail between Airport Road and Pella Ponds. Therefore, the City of Longmont is requesting trail funding be incorporated into the County's CIP program to make this connection along Airport Road a reality.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS, TPD): Boulder County Transportation Planning, Parks and Open Space, and Longmont Natural Resources Division are continuing their work to develop a trail connection between the city's Golden Ponds and the county's Pella Crossing. Based on our latest information, the City of Longmont is working with the developer of the Golden Ponds property to design the section of trail between Golden Ponds and Airport Road and to construct a hard-surface section along the west side of Airport Road, from St. Vrain Creek north to Westview Middle School. Boulder County has determined that it will be developing a trail plan for the greenway corridor between Pella Ponds and Airport Road that utilizes the fee acquisitions of the Golden/Fredstrom and Zweck properties scheduled to be completed in 2025 and 2026 respectively. Staff will work to plan and design a greenway trail in this area prior to acquisition in 2026 so that construction can commence upon final acquisition.

2. **Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail Master Planning.** The City is requesting Trail Master Planning efforts to devise regional trail plans from the Town of Erie to Longmont as well as Master Plan from the City of Longmont to the Town of Lyons and onto Rocky Mountain National Park, otherwise known as the Rocky Mountain Greenway (map #2). Significant flooding and stream restoration along with COVID-19 reprioritized some of these planning efforts, however the City believes the time has come to advance these trail planning efforts for regional trail connections and economic benefits.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS, TPD): The county will work with Longmont staff to develop and update regional trail planning in these areas. The Longmont to Lyons segment is covered by the St. Vrain Greenway project which is proceeding (see response to #1 above). A connection between Erie and Longmont is east of the generally considered RMG route between Boulder and Lyons.

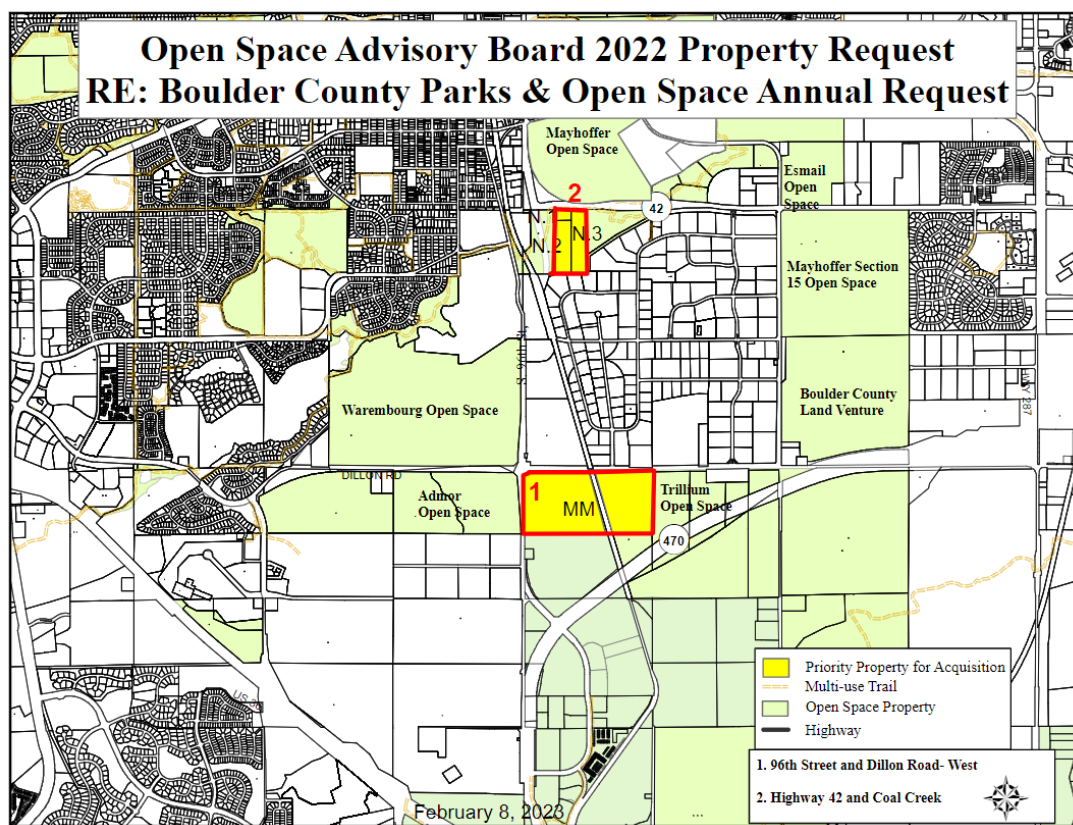
City of Louisville

LOUISVILLE OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

Recommended by the City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Board.

1. **An Area on the southeast corner of Dillon Rd. and 96th Street.** This area is approximately 72.42 acres and would provide a buffer from development along the 96th Street corridor and Colorado Tech Center.
2. **An area between Highway 42 and Coal Creek just east of 96th Street.** Approximately 20 acres consisting of three properties: Hunziker, Bennett, and Newbold. Would provide an easement or realignment of the Coal Creek Trail to allow the trail to be closer to the creek and away from the road.

2023 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to consider partnering with Louisville to acquire the parcel in request #1 if the opportunity becomes feasible and funding is available. This interest is consistent with the county's longstanding practice of partnering to create rural preservation areas. Boulder County is not interested in helping Louisville acquire open space in more developed areas, particularly where the city has development control. The city and county have agreed the parcels in request #2 above are within Louisville's influence area, and the properties already have development on them. Even though the county previously partnered with Louisville and Lafayette to protect the Mayhoffer Farm property, in part to create an open space buffer between the two communities, it would not be consistent with Boulder County's rural preservation focus to assist Louisville with the parcels in #2 above. Parks & Open Space Real Estate Division staff are ready to meet with Lafayette about this area whenever Lafayette staff are ready.



LOUISVILLE TRAIL REQUESTS

Recommended by the City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Board.

1. **Overlook Underpass Trail**—Connecting Davidson Mesa to the Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail. The Highway 36 Bikeway underpass enables citizens' safe access across Highway 36, allowing an opportunity for connecting from the city-owned Davidson Mesa Open Space Trail System to the Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail System. This connection would allow citizens to access the Cowdrey Draw, Marshall-Mesa, Community Ditch, and Doudy Draw Trails, along with other City of Boulder trails in the foothills. Louisville would like to continue to work with Boulder County, Superior, and other partners to identify a potential timeline for implementation and finalize selection of a trail alignment in order to prepare cost estimates for consideration in Boulder County's next POSIP planning process.

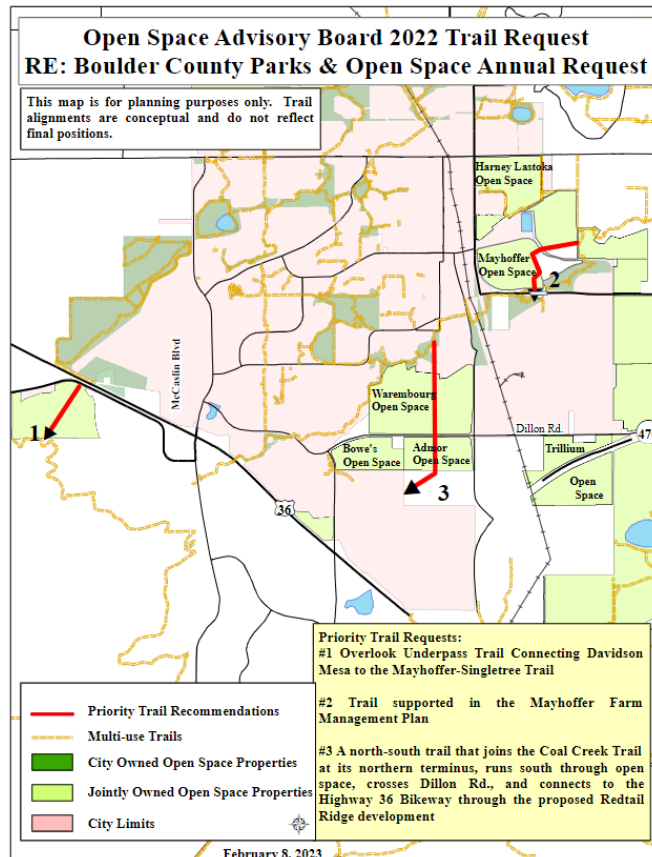
2023 Boulder County Response (POS): Boulder County has recommended a potential alignment to Louisville for this trail request through county-owned and agriculturally leased open space. Once the city agrees to an alignment, the county will take any necessary management plan changes to POSAC and the BOCC. Following that approval, the city plans to develop and fund a design within two years. While the city will take the lead, it is requesting that the county partner in funding both the design and construction. And, the city is planning that the trail will be managed and maintained by the county following its construction. expects that the city will formally approach the county to establish a budget and schedule for the design and implementation of the project and at that time the county will work with the town to determine cost-sharing. Although the county will work with Louisville on this request, the county has not identified staffing or funding availability for this project within the next three-year planning horizon. (This is similar to Superior's trail request #1.)

2. **Re-route CC Trail along the southeastern Mayhoffer Farm property line**, bypassing the hill near the Aquarius trailhead as identified in the Mayhoffer Farm Management Plan.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS): While the department supports this project as set forth in the Mayhoffer Farm Management Plan adopted in 2021, this project is not currently on the county's five-year work plan. Boulder County would like to clarify that our understanding that this new segment does not include eliminating the existing trail segment.

3. **A north-south trail that joins the Coal Creek Trail** at its northern terminus, runs south through open space, crosses Dillon Rd., and connects to the Highway 36 Bikeway through the proposed Redtail Ridge development.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS): After discussion with Louisville Open Space staff, the department understands the goal of this request—to create an off-road, "mid-block" connection from the Coal Creek Regional Trail south to the Red Tail Ridge development. The request is dependent upon the development on the Red Tail Ridge site. The trail would likely require an underpass of Dillon Road. The county acknowledges this request and has toured the site with Louisville staff within the last several years. POS' concerns include the alignment's complication with existing agricultural leases on the Warembourg and Admor properties. The Jointly Owned Boulder County-Lafayette-Louisville Open Space Management Plan (2004) does acknowledge an alignment in the County Trail Map (last updated in 1999) that corresponds with portions of this trail request. And, with the agricultural use of the properties, the 2004 plan didn't consider the alignment a priority at the time. This county has not made this trail a priority and it is not in the five-year budget or work plan for the department.



Town of Lyons

LYONS OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

1. Boulder County Flood Acquisition Properties/Apple Valley near Lyons: The Town started a public process to further explore which of these 10 parcels may have benefit for various purposes and possible requests for transfer several years ago. Further information and discussion are needed. The county is willing to continue to work with Lyons on the most appropriate ownership and management framework should the Town be interested.

The County has conveyed ownership of the Martin Parcel and Town is looking into annexation of Martin Parcel and will begin with fire mitigation efforts and exploration of access from Bohn Park to CR69 in 2023.

2023 Boulder County Response: Parks & Open Space Real Estate Division staff are ready to meet with Lyons about the flood buyout properties in Apple Valley whenever Lyons staff are ready.

LYONS TRAIL REQUESTS

1. **Lyons St. Vrain Corridor Trail Extension** from McConnell Drive east to the junction of HWY 36/66. Future regional connections to St. Vrain Greenway to the east of Hwy 36 from Longmont, Lyons to Boulder connection - North Foothills Bikeway Project, and future regional connections to Hall Ranch and Rabbit Mountain Open Space. Working with regional partners to ensure the

underpass and connections at HWY 36 are constructed and safe for use. The Town has been in contact and is working with Boulder County as it currently has a shortfall for this project which has a deadline for the final bid of July 1, 2023. The Town is currently engaged with consultants to complete 30% design and work with survey and environmental.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS & TPD) Boulder County has committed to assisting Lyons with a matching grant for the McConnel Drive to junction of SH 36/66 segment east west of US 36/SH 66 intersection.

2. **Martin Parcel Trail.** Access from Bohn Park from East across Martin Parcel to CR69 using available road ROW. Town requesting to work with the county on the next steps including verifying the survey, alignment of access to CR69, design, permitting, and possible construction assistance

2023 Boulder County Response (POS) Because of terrain and floodplain issues, even though this is a short trail segment, it would require considerable design and permitting. The town and county should determine the importance and priority of this segment and decide whether it is timely to apply for a grant to complete this work. Since most of the segment is within the CDOT right-of-way, perhaps a transportation grant is best suited. The town and the county's POS and CP&P departments could develop a process to review this situation and determine the best course forward. The county's understanding now is that the town does not want to pursue a trail option in this area along State Highway 7. The county has provided survey information to the town which shows that CR 69 does intersect the Martin Parcel south of the S. St. Vrain and, with some clean up in the road ROW, access can be created to the property. Staff will work with the town to determine next steps.

3. **Lyons to Hall Ranch Connector Trail.** In 2021 the Town requested that Boulder County Parks and Open Space staff revisit the decision from the previous public process from the mid-2000s that had excluded the potential of Corona Hill as a potential connection from Lyons to the Hall Ranch Trailhead area. The previous public process identified a connection utilizing Old South St. Vrain Road as the cornerstone of the connection between the town and Hall Ranch.

The flood of 2013 changed many of the key components of the previous conceptual plan, including the connection from the backside of Bohn Park to Old South St. Vrain along HWY 7 and potential connections over the river and crossing HWY 7 again to enter Hall Ranch.

In June of 2022, Boulder County Parks and Open Space staff submitted the re-assessment to Lyons staff which concluded "Based on the re-assessment of existing resources at Corona Hill, Parks & Open Space has determined that the closure on Corona Hill is still warranted, and a new trail is not feasible. Parks & Open Space, however, will continue working with the town of Lyons on a suitable, sustainable, environmentally sound trail connection between Lyons and Hall Ranch where feasible."

The Town would like to schedule the proposed site visit to review the assessment for Corona Hill and discuss potential alternatives, including potential alternative connections to Hall Ranch from Lyons and finding a suitable sustainable alternate connection.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS): County staff can schedule a site visit to review the assessment for the continued determination for not using Corona Hill for a connection between the Town and Hall Ranch. Boulder County anticipates starting a North Foothills planning process that will examine this area after St. Vrain Creek Corridor planning concludes—tentatively sometime in 2025.

4. **St. Vrain Greenway Trail, from Lyons to Longmont**

2023 Boulder County Response (TPD and POS): Boulder County intends to enter a broad planning process for the St. Vrain Creek Corridor possibly as soon as 2024 from Lyons to Longmont. This process will help outline a St. Vrain Greenway alignment as well as the steps and timeline needed to complete it. The Town will be a partner and stakeholder in the planning process. See also response to Longmont trail request #1.

5. **Lyons to Boulder Trail, N. Foothills Bikeway**

2023 Boulder County Response/Update (TPD): Boulder County's Transportation Master Plan identified a need for a separated bike facility on US 36/N. Foothills Hwy. Starting in 2022, the Transportation Planning Division is leading the county's involvement in a study which acquired grant funding to look at a bikeway between Lyons and Boulder along the US 36 corridor. The study's goal is to find a bikeway alignment that would be largely inside CDOT right-of-way (ROW). The County Transportation Planning Division is working with Parks and Open Space, OSMP, the Town of Lyons and the City of Boulder on this project. <https://www3.drcog.org/TRIPS/TipProject/2022-2025/Details/50599>

6. **Lyons to Rabbit Mountain Connector Trail**

2023 Boulder County Response (POS): While the county trails map in the comprehensive plan depicts a proposed alignment from Rabbit Mountain along 53rd and 55th Streets to SH 66, this trail segment is not on the list of trail projects in the five-year planning horizon.

7. **Steamboat Mountain Open Space Public Access/Trails**

2023 Boulder County Response (POS): At the time of the purchase of Steamboat Mountain, the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) expressed a desire for public access to the site. However, since Steamboat Valley Road is private, it is not available for public use. Access to the property is complicated by terrain, cliffs, neighbor concerns, parking, and private property. This proposal is not identified in our planning schedules or capital projects. Until legal access is acquired, this is not a priority project for the county.

Town of Nederland

NEDERLAND TRAIL REQUESTS

1. **CR 130 Trail Connection.** Proposed trail along County Road 130 that connects an existing sidewalk at the intersection of Highway 72/119 and County Road 130 to Nederland Middle Senior High School. This trail would also connect directly to the Sugar Mag trail head that serves as an access point to the West Magnolia trails and open space. Further down County Road 130 are the Hessie and Fourth of July trails. The proposed trail could alleviate the bike and pedestrian traffic that is currently using the shoulder of CR 130 to reach their intended destinations. Currently, much of the use is from school children who are in great danger of being hit by passing cars. The trail would be approximately 1,700 feet long located in the Boulder counties right-of-way along the shoulder of the road. It would be beneficial if this trail was bike friendly and ADA compliant to increase accessibility to all. Meetings have been held between all parties and unfortunately conversations were

stalled in part due to the Covid pandemic, as well as staff changes/ turnover. Nederland would like to express the need we have for this trail. Now more than ever, people are using our area trails and open spaces. Keeping all users safe along their ways is imperative.

2023 Boulder County Response (TPD):

The County Road 130 Trail to Nederland Middle Senior High School was included on the Transportation Sales Tax Project list of the ballot issue that was passed by Boulder County voters in November of 2022. However, it is Boulder County's understanding that this project cannot move forward until there is agreement/willingness from adjacent private property owners to provide necessary easements for the project. Once the Town of Nederland can begin those negotiations with adjacent property owners, Boulder County looks forward to partnering with the Town of Nederland and other project stakeholders to assist with the planning, design, and funding of this trail connection.

Town of Superior

SUPERIOR OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

1. **Coal Creek Properties.** Location: Multiple properties in Original Town abut or span Coal Creek. If purchased by Boulder County, these properties would have the potential to provide flood mitigation and extend open space in Original Town. The Town of Superior owns the property to the west and south, adjacent to Boulder County open space. OSAC's interest in properties along Coal Creek are related to trail three below. Several adjoining properties or easements would be required to create a trail.
2. **Zaharias Property**
 - Location: The Zaharias property borders 88th Street to the west and is located between U.S. 36 and the Saddlebrooke Townhomes. It encompasses approximately 28 acres in the northeast portion of town.
 - Description: This property is a weedy vacant lot receiving little human use. A large drainage dominated by a cattail wetland crosses the northern portion of the property. Prairie dog activity has been prominent on the upland portion of this site.
 - OSAC Observations: Observations showed this parcel to have a fair buffering potential, fair views, poor air and noise quality, and considerable nighttime light pollution. It is not likely to have compatibility with adjacent land uses and has no known historic value. It is a medium-sized tract. There are few mature trees and a cattail marsh, but no real surface water. However, the majority of the parcel is weedy and not particularly pristine. It has a diverse wildlife habitat and has an active avian and migratory population, as it is adjacent to the Hodgson-Harris Reservoir. This area could be used by wildlife as a migration corridor and could have a fairly high regional draw for passive use.
 - 2003 Smith Wildlife Survey: The survey describes this parcel as 94% weedy/disturbed and about 5% cattail marsh. Several types of small birds were observed, primarily near the cattail marsh. Also noted were prairie dogs and cottontail rabbits.
 - The Superior Open Space Advisory Committee is attracted to this property primarily for the adjacent HHR. Boulder County has designated it as a Critical Wildlife Habitat. Superior has an active group of residents that submits a yearly report on this bird activity on and adjacent to the reservoir, which you can see here:
<https://www.superiorcolorado.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=18188>

3. Bolejack Property

- Location: The Bolejack Property lies west of McCaslin Blvd. and southeast of the Verhey open space property. It encompasses approximately 13 acres in the southwestern portion of town.
- Description: The primary uses of this property include private residential, horse pasture, and an industrial equipment repair business.
- OSAC Observations: Observations showed this parcel to have a fair buffering potential, good views, and somewhat poor air and noise quality because of its proximity to McCaslin. Nighttime light pollution is moderate. This parcel has no known historic value. It is a medium-sized tract with no mature trees. The parcel is primarily grass prairie, so it is fairly pristine and has a somewhat diverse wildlife habitat. It may be being used by wildlife as a migration corridor but probably would not have a very high regional draw.
- 2003 Smith Wildlife Survey: found the property to be 83% grass prairie, with the remainder being buildings, weedy/disturbed ground, and a pond. Many species of small birds were observed along with cottontail rabbits.

2023 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to consider partnering with Superior to acquire parcels that create connections to county or jointly owned open space outside of Superior's municipal influence and comprehensive development plan areas if opportunities become feasible and funding is available. This focus is consistent with the county's longstanding practice of partnering to create rural preservation areas outside of those areas. Boulder County is not interested in helping Superior acquire open space in more developed areas, particularly where the city has development control. The Coal Creek Properties and Zaharias are within Superior's influence area, and most of the parcels are already annexed. Parks & Open Space Real Estate Division staff are ready to meet with Superior about potential partnering opportunities that meet the county's parameters as described whenever Superior staff are ready.

SUPERIOR TRAIL REQUESTS

1. **Marshall Rd. Underpass.** Trail connection from the U.S. 36 Underpass at Davidson Mesa by adding a crossing at Marshall Road to link to Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and the more extensive regional trail system. The trail will ensure a safe, direct connection between Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Davidson Mesa trail system. This connection will enhance access to the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail system and the U.S. 36 Bikeway.

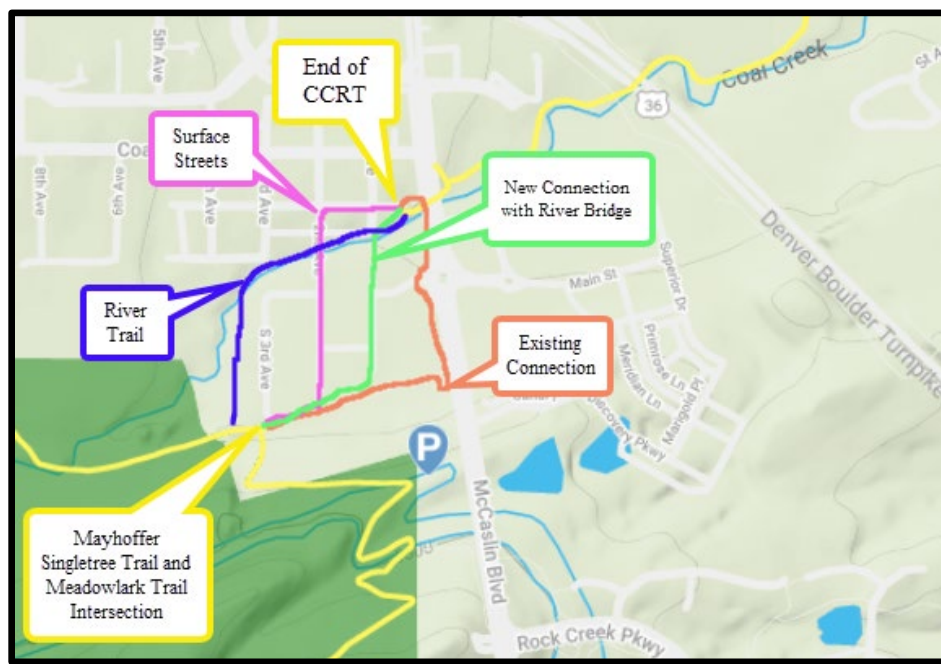
2023 Boulder County Response (POS): This request is paired with the Louisville Overlook Trail (#1) request to provide safe access to US 36 Bikeway and Louisville's Davidson Mesa trails. Boulder County has recommended a potential alignment to Louisville for this trail route through county-owned open space. While the county will work with Superior and Louisville on this request, the county has not identified staffing or funding availability for this project within the next three-year planning horizon.

2. **Coalton Trail Rework.** Improve surface and safety of Coalton Trail to a standard consistent with Meadowlark Trail. This project will include changing the former roadbed to a more typical trail profile by re-grading and re-vegetating this long, straight trail segment. This will enhance the user experience by changing the character of the segment to be similar to surrounding trails.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS): Project is scheduled to begin construction in November of 2023 and be complete by March of 2024. Trail closure is likely during the construction period.

3. **Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and CCRT Link.** Link the Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Coal Creek Regional Trail (CCRT) along the creek. The map below shows where the CCRT ends and the Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Meadowlark Trail connect (yellow trails). The orange trail is the current interim link. The new roundabout on McCaslin Boulevard to access housing to the west makes this connection more dangerous. Our impression is most people use the surface streets of Original Town Superior (pink) to connect the two trails. The blue trail, which is this request, would be the safest and most enjoyable route, albeit the most difficult to create due to the private property and steep riverbanks.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS): In an April 3, 2023 conversation with Superior Parks and Open Space staff, POS learned that this trail alignment is being reviewed by the towns Open Space Advisory Committee. Depending on that outcome, it may or may not be requested of Boulder County.



4. **High Plains Drive Connectivity:** Add access to the Meadowlark Trail off McCaslin Boulevard near High Plains Drive to the existing Meadowlark Trail.

2023 Boulder County Response (POS):

The county appreciates understanding the Town's efforts to improve the trail connections and wayfinding in this area. As a principal connector between the "End of the CCT" and the Meadowlark Trail emerges, the county will work with the Town to formalize the connection at the Meadowlark terminus.